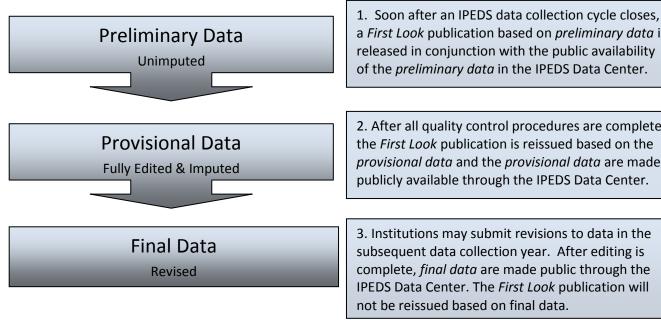
## Overview of IPEDS Data Release

Beginning with data submitted in the 2011-12 collection cycle, IPEDS data will be released in the IPEDS Data Center in three stages. These data release procedures are designed to publicly release data for national, state, or institutional level analysis as quickly as possible.



a First Look publication based on preliminary data is released in conjunction with the public availability of the preliminary data in the IPEDS Data Center.

2. After all quality control procedures are complete, the First Look publication is reissued based on the provisional data and the provisional data are made publicly available through the IPEDS Data Center.

3. Institutions may submit revisions to data in the subsequent data collection year. After editing is complete, final data are made public through the IPEDS Data Center. The First Look publication will not be reissued based on final data.

## **Preliminary Data**

Preliminary release data have been edited but are subject to further NCES quality control procedures. Imputed data for nonresponding institutions are not included.

Access to the preliminary data does not require a login; all data released in the IPEDS Data Center are publicly available for retrieval and analysis.

## **Provisional Data**

Provisional release data have undergone all NCES data quality control procedures, and data are imputed for nonresponding institutions.

Provisional data were previously referred to as "final" or "public release data."

## **Final Data**

Final release data include revisions to the provisional data that have been made by institutions during the subsequent data collection year.

Final data were previously referred to as "revised data."